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ARTICHOKE Project

1. Under date of 23 April 1953, OSO conducted a preliminary investigation in the instant case. This investigation revealed [redacted] was conducting an investigation at that time on [redacted] Subsequently, the writer, through the office of [redacted] examined the completed [redacted] investigation [redacted] and obtained synopses of the [redacted] reports made on the subject at [redacted] C H in mid-June 1953. These synopses are attached and are completely self-explanatory.

2. In addition, the writer very carefully surveyed in detail the [redacted] reports and wishes to state for the record that the synopses referred to above cover in general the full field investigation made by [redacted] H

3. As you know, [redacted] is one of the key individuals in the experimental and research program contemplated [redacted] and work to date has been held up for months pending a report of this [redacted] investigation. As you also know, we have agreed that [redacted] should again visit [redacted] and talk to [redacted] who are fully cleared. Our intentions in sending [redacted] again were: C H

a. Recent correspondence from [redacted] indicates that he is somewhat discouraged in the slow development of the project and this trip would stir up his interest again.

b. [redacted] has now been cleared and at this point, [redacted] could talk with [redacted] concerning a re-designing of the project. C

c. [redacted] would, after discussion with [redacted] make an immediate study of any new proposals that came out of the discussions

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[redacted] and, in addition, obtain names of individuals who could be substituted for [redacted] in the event we have to abandon using [redacted] C

[redacted] is prepared to go to [redacted] immediately in connection with this. (Estimated duration of trip - five days.)

4. It would be greatly appreciated therefore if you would examine the [redacted] synopses in the case of [redacted] C and refer them for immediate study to the Evaluation Officers of 90 for their opinion as to whether or not [redacted] can be cleared for contact at the Secret level on the basis of this information. As reported above, the [redacted] reports have been examined in complete detail by the writer and they furnish nothing additional to that information set out in the attached synopses. H

5. You will note that these synopses indicate that [redacted] C [redacted] is "talkative", somewhat "unconventional" and a "champion of the underdog" but, according to all informants, he does not discuss classified information and can be trusted with Top Secret matters.

6. In further consideration, it should be remembered that [redacted] will be dealing with close personal friends and close professional associates of his in the [redacted] ARTICHOKE work and further if he works with us his professional reputation may conceivably be greatly enhanced by successful development of our program. These elements should be weighed, of course, in the evaluation of [redacted] C

7. After you have referred this memorandum and attached documents to the Evaluation group with the request for highest possible priority handling, this Office, with your permission, will send [redacted] immediately to [redacted] A will then re-discuss the ARTICHOKE program at [redacted] C In the event the Evaluation group does not believe that [redacted] can be granted Secret clearance. If, however, in the Evaluation group's opinion, [redacted] can be granted Secret clearance, [redacted] will bring [redacted] into the discussion.

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cc: [redacted]

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1. It is requested that permission be granted for the undersigned to attend the national meetings of the American Psychology Association. The meetings are being held this year in Cleveland, Ohio, from the third through the ninth of September. It is requested that the undersigned attend the meetings from the fourth through the ninth of September. There are several meetings that are interesting from the point of view of ARTICHOKE and, in addition, a great deal of information can be gained from what other psychologists throughout the country are doing and to keep up with the new developments in science.

2. It is suggested that a trip to [redacted] be arranged to follow the convention since the location is close to [redacted] this would cut down expenses. It is also likely that [redacted] will be attending the psychology meetings.

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